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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF BRATISLAVA EQUIPMENT & FURNISHINGS

1. IN VIEW OF INDEFINITE DELAY IN REOPENING OF CONSULATE GENERAL
(CG) BRATISLAVA, EMBASSY CONCERNED THAT OFFICE EQUIPMENT, FURNISHINGS

,
SUPPLIES AND HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND APPLIANCES PURCHASED WITH
EUR, FBO AND USIA FUNDS BE PUT TO GOOD USE, RATHER THAN LEFT TO
DEPRECIATE AND USE UP SPACE AND FUNDS FOR STORAGE. HOWEVER,
IN ORDER TO PLAN THIS AND STILL BE PREPARED FOR REOPENING OF CG
WHENEVER CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT GRANTS PERMISSION, WE NEED TO
KNOW LENGTH OF LEAD TIME DEPT. PLANS BETWEEN GRANTING OF PERMISSION
AND ARRIVAL OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL TO REOPEN CG.

2. IF THIS IS AT LEAST SIX MONTHS, WHICH WE PRESUME IS MINIMUM
NEEDED TO ASSIGN AND TRAIN AMERICAN PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS FIND
LOCAL EMPLOYEES, WE COULD DIVERT OFFICE FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT
AND APPLIANCES TO OTHER USES, AND STILL HAVE TIME TO REORDER FOR
CG REOPENING. IF LEAD TIME WERE TO BE A YEAR, HOUSEHOLD FURNISH-
INGS COULD ALSO BE DIVERTED AND REPLACED WHEN NEEDED. FOR REASONS
OF POLICY, EMBASSY HOPES THAT LEAD TIME CAN BE KEPT AS SHORT AS
POSSIBLE.

3. AS SOON AS DEPT. ANSWERS ABOVE, WILL FORWARD LIST OF ITEMS
AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION. PERRY

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